

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 832, "yea" on Roll Call 833, and "yea" on Roll Call 834.

Additionally, I missed three recorded votes on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 835, "yea" on rollcall 836, and "yea" on rollcall 837.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the more than 100 members of the Marine Corps League Rogue Valley Detachment 386 of southern Oregon on the occasion of the Marine Corps' 234th birthday. Since 1921, all Marines—past and present—have heeded the order issued by Major General John A. Lejeune to come together each November to remember the history, honor, and traditions of their Corps.

Next week, on November 10, I will have the honor and the privilege of joining with the Rogue Valley detachment to celebrate and commemorate the founding of the United States Marine Corps when, in 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved to raise two battalions of Continental Marines.

For the 234 years that have followed, the United States Marine Corps has stood as the epitome of America's military strength. From the Battle of Belleau Wood to the Battle of Khe Sanh, from the sands of Iwo Jima to the streets of Fallujah, from Grenada to Beirut, the Marine Corps has never failed in answering the call to defend this Nation and its interests around the world. Marines truly have served in every clime and place in defense of freedom.

It is this tradition of service and commitment to freedom that most impresses me whenever I meet a Marine or former Marine.

Proving that "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" is more than just a slogan, the members of the Marine Corps League Rogue Valley detachment are dedicated to the purpose of preserving these traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. They do this by promoting the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout their community and by volunteering aid and assistance to all current and former Marines and Fleet Marine Force Corpsman and their families.

In the past year, the Rogue Valley detachment, led by Commandant Loren Otto, organized its first annual "Tee It Up for Local Heroes" golf tournament and raised \$2,100 to support Toys for Tots, the Marines Helping Marines Wounded Warrior program, and to provide care packages for deployed service members. A portion of these funds also went to support the three local Young Marine units

that the detachment sponsors in southern Oregon.

I am very pleased to note that the Rogue Valley detachment is the only Marine Corps League unit in the country that sponsors this many Young Marine units. The detachment's commitment to making a positive impact on America's future is without question and we are indeed fortunate to have members Dave Dotterrer and Anthony Guillory serve on the National Board of Directors for the Young Marines.

Other detachment members have sent out nearly 100 comfort packages to deployed Marines and soldiers. The detachment also recently volunteered to support their local community when the Cycle Oregon tour came through the Rogue Valley and in return raised over \$500 to put toward future fundraising efforts. In addition, the detachment regularly offers an Honor Guard detail to the Eagle Point National Cemetery to provide funeral honors for their fallen brethren. Finally, in probably their most fulfilling service to community, the Rogue Valley detachment collects and distributes toys for the yearly Marine Toys for Tots program throughout Jackson and Josephine counties.

By their actions and deeds, the men and women of the Marine Corps League Rogue Valley Detachment 386 have demonstrated the honor, commitment, and values that Marines have been renowned for since their inception. While our gathering next Tuesday to mark this auspicious occasion in the Corps' 234-year history may be small compared to others, I am extremely honored to share this time with such a dedicated group of veterans, constituents, and friends.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members of Congress seek out their local Marine Corps League detachments or active duty Marines on November 10 and raise a glass to celebrate the world's finest fighting force. Semper Fidelis, Marines, and Happy Birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARKANSAS
AVIATION HALL OF FAME IN-
DUCTEE GREG ARNOLD**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Arnold who will be the 94th individual inducted into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at the Aerospace Education Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Greg Arnold is president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Truman Arnold Companies (TAC), a Texarkana, Texas, based company founded by Truman Arnold in 1964 as a branded petroleum jobber. Today, TAC is a leading national petroleum marketing company, offering a variety of services through a network of petroleum terminals and aviation Fixed Base Operations (FBO) facilities. A rapidly growing company, TAC currently employs more than 500 highly trained people.

As president of TAC for more than 16 years and CEO for 6, Greg has served as president of the Arkansas Oil Marketers Association, president of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Independent Liq-

uid Terminal Association, board and campaign member of the United Way of Texarkana, board member of CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital and CHRISTUS St. Michael Health Care Center Foundation, chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Flooding on the Lower Red River, board member of Century Bancshares and member of the Red River Redevelopment Authority. He recently completed a term as board chairman of the National Air Transportation Association, one of the aviation industry's leading advocacy organizations.

Greg and his wife, Ashley Arnold, have three children: Anthony, Regan and Carsen.

Established in 1980 by the Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame inducts those who make a difference or play a significant role in the history of aviation on the national or state scenes. Greg Arnold has had a major impact on aviation in Arkansas and in this country and he deserves a place on this esteemed list. His commitment to community, to state, to country and to excellence in his field is what makes Greg the respected and admired leader he is today.

I applaud Greg's vision and leadership in the field of aviation. I offer my deepest gratitude and admiration for all that he has done to make our state a better place to live and I extend to him my congratulations on this prestigious accomplishment.

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SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to those supporting S. 1211, honoring the life of Jack Kemp by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building."

Jack was an accomplished and respected politician and athlete. He served his country in the United States Army Reserve and was a professional quarterback for 13 years, probably best known for his time with the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills. He served as a Member of this body from 1971 to 1989, as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1989 to 1993, and as the Republican Party's nominee for Vice President and presidential nominee Bob Dole's running-mate in the 1996 election.

Both as a public official and as a private citizen, Jack was a great voice for common-sense conservatism in America. Laws still bear his name, which is a testament to his effectiveness as a Member of Congress. Jack Kemp left behind a legacy of principled determination and resolve to find practical solutions, not only within the Republican Party, but in the realm of public service as a whole.

Even more important than his career accomplishments was Jack's strong character. He had a deep faith that he lived out every day. He cherished his wife Joanne and their four children, making sure that, despite his many roles and responsibilities, he was there for them as a husband and father.